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EPA ORDERS COMPANIES TO REMOVE HAZARDS AT DUANE MARINE IN
PERTH AMBOY, NJ

NEW YORK -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ordered thirty-five companies it believes helped create a hazardous situation at a facility in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, to start removing the wastes at the site by next month. If not, the Agency will do the work itself and could bill the companies for up to three times the cost of the cleanup.

The facility, Duane Marine Salvage Corporation, located at 26 Washington Street, presents a threat to public health and the environment due to the presence of hazardous substances (among which are polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), benzene, chlorobenzene, trichloroethylene, trichloroethane and heavy metals), according to the Agency.

EPA Regional Administrator Christopher J. Daggett said, "We are concerned about the potential for direct public contact with these wastes, and want them removed without further delay. Since November 29th, we have been paying for site

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security during the day and early evening. In addition, Perth Amboy Police are making periodic checks during the unserved hours."

The order, which becomes effective on December 14th, requires the companies to submit a detailed work plan by December 28th that will describe how they will perform specific activities. Work at the site should begin during the early part of January. The companies are also required to immediately post 24-hour security at the site.

EPA's order, issued unilaterally under Section 106 of Superfund, requires the companies to:

- ° conduct sampling and analysis of the contents of every container on the site, all spilled material, and all contaminated soil.
- ° dispose of all wastes at EPA-approved hazardous waste facilities.
- ° properly dispose of all drums off-site and their contents, the contents of all tanks, rolloff containers, trailers, any other vessels or containers on the property, and all visibly contaminated soils which exist on the property.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Duane Marine Salvage Corporation used the facility between 1975 and July of 1980 for the blending, storage, transfer, treatment, and ultimate disposal of many of those wastes handled by the company. The site was abandoned following a major fire in July of 1980.

Solid and liquid chemical wastes and sludges, including hazardous substances are still present at the site. Some of the hazardous substances are being released, or threaten to be released, into the environment, from spills and leaking 55-gallon drums, as well as leaking trailers and rolloff containers on the property. Many of the substances have been tested and found to be highly toxic and even carcinogenic.

Until EPA took action, the site had not been secured against public access.

The following is a list of the companies to whom EPA issued the order:

American Can, Inc.
Pierson Avenue
Edison, NJ 08837

Bell Laboratories
600 Mountain Avenue
Murray Hill, NJ 07081

Chevron USA, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112

Cosden Oil & Chemical Co, Inc.
Petroleum Bldg.
Big Spring, TX 79720

Duane Marine Salvage Corp.
P.O. Box 435
Staten Island, NY

Eastern Sterling Plastics
Main Street
Windsor, NJ 08561

General Electric Co.
3135 Easton Avenue
Fairfield, CT 06431

Gusmer Corp.
P.O. Box 110
Lakewood Industrial Plaza
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Hyatt Roller Bearing
Westfield Avenue
Clark, NJ 07066

B & E Electroform Co.
16-18 Commerce Street
Springfield, NJ 07081

Bird & Son, Inc.
210 Amboy Avenue
Murray Hill, NJ 07974

Consolidated Rail Corp.
6 Penn Center Plaza
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Diamond Shamrock Corp
P.O. Box 435
Staten Island, NY 10308

E. Carter Corrington, Attorney for
Township of Mahwah
41 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Ford Motor Company
American Road, RM 1123
Dearborn, MI 43127

General Motors Corp.
J.J. Hollis, Office of
General Counsel
3044 West Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48202

Hoke, Inc.
1 Tenakill Park
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Inmont Corporation
L-5 Factory Lane
Boundbrook, NJ 08805

ITT Marlowe Pump
P.O. Box 200
Midland Park, NJ 07432

Metz Metallurgical Corp.
3900 S. Clinton Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Nassau Recycle Corp.
286 Richmond Valley Rd.
Staten Island, NY 10307

Orbit Tool and Die Corp.
54 Fadem Rd.
Springfield, NJ 07081

Port Authority Trans-
Hudson Corporation
303 Warren Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Rusty Scupper Restaurant
3 Essex Green Plaza
West Orange, NJ 07052

Tempcon
11 Suffern Rd.
Hillburn, NY 10931

Two Guys Department Store
174 Passaic Avenue
Passaic, NJ 07055

Lockheed Electronics Corp.
1501 US 22
Plainfield, NJ 07061

Midland Glass Co., Inc.
Cliffwood Avenue
Cliffwood, NJ 07721

NL Industries Inc.
111 Broadway
New York, NY 10006

Paintmaster
1920 Route 37 East
Toms River, NJ 08753

Reylon, Inc.
767 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Sealand Marine Terminals
1210 Corbin Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

Tenneco Chemicals, Inc.
Park 80 Plaza West
Saddle Brook, NJ 07762

West Essex Printing Plates, Inc.
P.O. Box 749
Caldwell, NJ 07006

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